

A NEW NAME FOR *OCHOTONA MINIMA*.

Lagomys minimus Lord (Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., p. 98, 1863) is preoccupied by *Lagomys minimus* Schinz (Das Tierreich, I, p. 320, 1821). Therefore, a new name is required for the pika of southern British Columbia described by Lord and now generally recognized as a valid species without synonyms. I propose for it **Ochotona fenisex**.

—Wilfred H. Osgood.

SOME OVERLOOKED NAMES OF SICILIAN MAMMALS.

In 1868 a catalog of the mammals of Sicily was published by Minà Palumbo.* This paper contains the description of the well-known *Pitymys nebrodensis* (Minà Palumbo); but the fact that other names appear here for the first time has been generally overlooked. A recent paper by Comte Filippo Cavazza† on the identity of the *Vespertilio noctula* var. *sicula* of Minà Palumbo having called attention to the subject the paper seems to merit a special note, particularly as all but one of the new names have escaped citation in the recent general works of Tronessart and of Miller on the Mammals of Europe. The overlooked names are as follows:

V [*espertilio*] *noctula* var. *sicula*, page 13. Type locality, Le Madonie, Sicily.

Although the name *sicula* has been substituted by Cavazza for *maximus* Fatio as the earliest designation of the large European *Nyctalus* there can be no doubt that it refers to *Eptesicus serotinus*. This is clearly shown by the statement that the two terminal vertebrae of the tail are free, and by the lengths of the third and fifth fingers, 95 and 70 mm. respectively. In six specimens of *Eptesicus serotinus* whose external measurements I have recorded‡ these fingers vary from 84 to 92 mm. and from 63 to 68 mm., while in eight specimens of *Nyctalus noctula* the extremes are 94 to 102 and 56 to 62, indicating a wing of quite different form. In three *N. maximus* the third finger ranges from 114 to 123, the fifth from 72 to 77. The name *sicula* must therefore be placed in the synonymy of *Eptesicus serotinus serotinus* unless a Mediterranean race of the species is to be recognized.

Vespertilio nebrodensis, page 24. Type locality, Le Madonie, Sicily.

The description of the tragus and of the color indicate that this animal is an individual of *Pipistrellus savii* in the phase in which the light wash on dorsal surface is obsolete.

[*Mustela vulgaris*] a. *fulva*, page 53. Type locality, wooded regions [probably of Le Madonie].

*Catalogo dei Mammiferi della Sicilia. Ann. Agr. Sic., 2nd ser., vol. 12, separate pages 1-123, and dated Palermo, 1868 (original publication not seen).

† Boll. Soc. Zool. Ital., Roma, 2d ser., vol. 12, pp. 251-260. December 18, 1911.

‡ Cat. Mamm. Western Europe, p. 230, November 23, 1912.

[*Mustela vulgaris*] b. *albipes*, page 54. Type locality, cultivated regions [probably of Le Madonie].

These two names, based on local variations in *Mustela nivalis boccamela*, have thirty-two years priority over *Putorius nivalis siculus* Barrett-Hamilton should the Sicilian form eventually be recognized as distinct.

[*Mus musculus*] var. *melanogaster*, page 70. Type locality, Sicily.

[*Mus musculus*] var. *albinus*, page 70. Type locality, Sicily.

[*Mus musculus*] var. *rubicunda*, page 70. Type locality, low country of Le Madonie, Sicily.

Three synonyms of *Mus musculus azoricus* (Schinz), 1845.

[*Mus sylvaticus*] var. *griseus*, page 72. Type locality, Sicily.

[*Mus sylvaticus*] var. *isabellinus*, page 72. Type locality, Sicily.

Two synonyms of *Apodemus sylvaticus dichrurus* (Rafinesque), 1814. The first antedates *Mus arianus griseus* True, 1894,* which may be replaced by ***Apodemus flavicollis rusiges***.

—Gerrit S. Miller, Jr.

* Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., XVII, p. 8, May 8, 1894. Type locality, central Kashmir. The animal is a member of the *Apodemus flavicollis* group. Though its status is not definitely understood a name seems desirable.